

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17 and 21 are pending. Claims 1, 9 and 17 have been amended, support for which may be found throughout the specification and drawings as filed, an example of which may be found at page 8 of the subject Application.

35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,609,106 to Robertson (hereinafter "Robertson").

Claim 1 has been amended, and as amended (portions of the amendment appear in bold/italics below), recites a method for use in a graphical user interface configured to support a login operation, the method comprising:

- displaying at least one user identifier prompt within a graphical user interface, the at least one user identifier prompt including at least one selectable user area operatively associated with a previously configured user capable of completing a login operation by inputting user password input;
- upon receiving user input selecting the at least one selectable user area, displaying at least one user input field within the graphical user interface, wherein the at least one user input field is automatically configured to operatively receive user password input associated with the login operation; and
- while conditions allow for the reception of the user password input and it is determined that there has been a failure to operatively receive the user password input for the login operation, then automatically displaying reminder information associated with the user input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user interface, *wherein the display of the reminder information is removed upon receipt of an input via the at least one user input field.*

Support for the amendment may be found throughout the specification and drawings as filed, an example of which may be found at page 8 of the subject

1 Application. Robertson does not disclose this feature. As shown in FIGS. 20a-20c
2 of Robertson and the related discussion at column 20, the hint remains within the
3 user interface and is not “removed upon receipt of an input via the at least one user
4 input field” that is configured to receive a user password input as recited in Claim
5 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

6 **Claim 9** has been amended, and as amended (portions of the amendment
7 appear in bold italics below) recites a computer-readable medium having
8 computer-executable instructions for causing at least one processing unit to
9 support a login operation by performing steps comprising:

- 10 • displaying at least one user identifier prompt within a graphical user
11 interface, the at least one user identifier prompt including at least one
12 selectable user area operatively associated with a previously configured
user capable of completing a login operation by inputting user password
input;
- 13 • upon receiving user input selecting the at least one selectable user area,
14 displaying at least one user input field on the display within the
15 graphical user interface, wherein the at least one user input field is
16 automatically configured to operatively receive user password input
associated with the login operation;
- 17 • determining if there has been a failure to operatively receive the user
18 password input for the login operation while conditions allow for the
19 reception of the user input, ***wherein the failure is detected at least in***
20 ***part by failure to receive the user password input for a given amount***
21 ***of time***; and
- 22 • automatically displaying reminder information associated with the user
23 input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user
24 interface based on the failure to operatively receive the user password
25 input.

22 Support for the amendment may be found throughout the specification and
23 drawings as filed, an example of which may be found at page 8 of the subject
24 Application. Robertson does not disclose this feature, but rather limits display to
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1 when a password is incorrectly received. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection
2 is respectfully requested.

3 **Claim 17** recites an arrangement comprising:

- 4 • memory;
- 5 • a display device;
- 6 • a user input device; and
- 7 • a processor operatively coupled to the memory, the display device and
the user input device, the processor being configured to:
 - 8 ○ display at least one user identifier prompt within a graphical user
9 interface on the display device, the at least one user identifier
10 prompt including at least one selectable user area operatively
associated with a previously configured user capable of
completing a login operation by inputting user password input;
 - 11 ○ receive user input selecting the at least one selectable user area,
12 and in response display at least one user input field within the
graphical user interface, wherein the at least one user input field
13 is automatically configured to operatively receive user password
input associated with the login operation;
 - 14 ○ determine if there has been a failure to operatively receive the
15 user password input for the login operation while conditions
allow for the reception of the user input; and
 - 16 ○ automatically display reminder information associated with the
17 user input field through a non-modal mechanism *as a hint*
balloon within the graphical user interface based on the failure to
18 operatively receive the user password input.

19 Support for the amendment may be found throughout the specification and
20 drawings as filed, an example of which may be found at page 8 of the subject
21 Application. Robertson does not disclose this feature, but rather limits display of
22 the hint to text within the user interface. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection
23 is respectfully requested.

Claim 5 depends directly from Claim 1, **Claim 13** depends directly from Claim 9, and **Claim 21** depends directly from Claim 17. Therefore, each of these dependent claims is allowable as depending from an allowable base claim. These claims are also allowable for their own recited features which, in combination with those recited in respective Claims 1, 9 and 17 are neither shown nor suggested in the references of record, either singly or in combination with one another.

Conclusion

Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17 and 21 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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